2026 Spring Turkey

Hunting Regulations and Information

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What's New for 2026?

- Hunters using a Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit may now take only one turkey during the spring seasons (youth and regular seasons combined). This change affects *only* hunters using a Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit. Hunters using any other valid turkey permit (including a Nonresident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit) may still take two turkeys. See Page 3.
- Youth hunters who harvest a turkey during youth season may now harvest their second turkey during the first week of the regular season (if they are eligible to harvest two turkeys; see bullet point directly above). This change applies only to youth hunters who harvest a turkey during youth season. All hunters who harvest a turkey during the first week of the regular spring turkey season must wait until April 27 to harvest their second turkey. See Page 3.
- Permit prices have increased to keep up with the rising costs of goods and services. See Page 5.
- Turkey hunting regulations have changed for some conservation areas. See pages 8–15.
- A managed hunt has been removed and others have been modified. See Page 16.

Note: According to rule 3 CSR 10-5.216 of the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*, if you have been convicted of multiple or major violations of the *Code* in the past five years, the Conservation Commission may consider suspending or revoking your hunting, trapping, and/or fishing privileges regardless of any previous court action. The point system the Commission uses to assess *Code* violations is explained at **short.mdc.mo.gov/Zg5**.

To report poaching or game-law violations, call

Operation Game Thief
800-392-1111

Rewards are available for information leading to the arrest of game-law violators. You can remain anonymous.

Turkey Seasons

Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Who May Participate: Youth hunters who are age 6–15 on opening day of the youth spring season.

Season Dates: April 11–12, 2026

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset Central Daylight Time

Regular Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Season Dates: April 20–May 10, 2026

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. Central Daylight Time on public lands and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on private lands

Valid Permits

- ***Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit***
- ***Resident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit***
- ***Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit***
- ***Nonresident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit***

Note: Landowner permits are valid only on the land for which they are issued. See Page 6 for additional information.

Season Limits

Only male turkeys or turkeys with a visible beard may be taken during the spring seasons. Limits are based on the permit you are using.

Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit — You may take only one male turkey or turkey with a visible beard.

All other valid permits — You may take two male turkeys or turkeys with a visible beard, with the following restrictions:

- Youth hunters who harvest a turkey during youth season may harvest a second turkey during the first week of the regular season.
- If you harvest your first turkey during the first week of the regular season, you may not harvest a second turkey before April 27.
- If you do not harvest any turkeys before April 27, you may take two turkeys during the remainder of the regular season, but you may not take them both on the same day.

Note: If you harvest a turkey during a managed hunt, it counts toward your season limit. See pages 16–17.

Notch your permit immediately and Telecheck your turkey by 10 p.m. on the day it is taken.

Hunter-Education Requirement

All hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1967, must complete an approved hunter-education course and display their certification card before they can purchase a turkey hunting permit unless:

- They first purchase an Apprentice Hunter Authorization. See Page 6 for requirements.
- They are ages 6–15 and will be hunting with a qualified mentor. See Page 5.
- They have a developmental disability. See rule 3 CSR 10-5.205 of the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*.

Hunters do not need to show their hunter-education card if certification can be verified online. If this is not possible, some hunters will need to contact the Conservation Department to provide proof of hunter-education certification. Once in Missouri's permit database, hunters won't have to submit this information again.

A person must be at least 11 years old to receive hunter-education certification in Missouri. Hunters using a Resident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit are exempt from the hunter-education requirement unless they were born on or after Jan. 1, 1967, and are mentoring a firearms hunter who is not hunter-education certified and not using a landowner permit.

For more information or to find a hunter-education class in your area, visit **mdc.mo.gov/huntereducation**.

Sharpen Your Shooting Skills

Regardless of your skill level, you can become a safer, more accurate shooter by practicing at a shooting range before hunting season. The Conservation Department offers five fully staffed shooting ranges and many additional unstaffed ranges. To find one, aim your browser at **mdc.mo.gov/shootingranges**.

General Information

Wild turkeys may be pursued, taken, possessed, or transported only as outlined in this booklet. For complete hunting regulations, refer to the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*, available at **sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp**.

The following methods are allowed:

- Shotguns with shot not larger than No. 4
- Longbows, recurve bows, or compound bows. Hand-held string-releasing devices, illuminated sights, scopes, and quickpoint sights are allowed.
- Crossbows
- Atlatls

The following methods are prohibited:

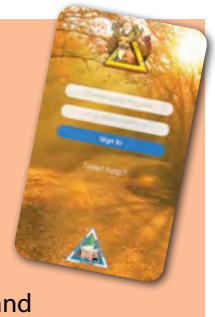
- Shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined
- Shot larger than No. 4 (in use or in possession)
- Rifles and handguns
- Firearms that propel a single projectile at one discharge
- Any sighting device that casts a beam of light on the game
- Thermal imagery equipment or night vision equipment (in use or in possession)
- Recorded calls (in use or in possession)
- Live decoys
- Dogs. See Page 22.
- Flood-prone areas in southeast Missouri are closed to all hunting during spring turkey season when river levels exceed certain limits on local river gauges. To see if an area is closed for hunting, visit **mdc.mo.gov/semofloods**.
- Use of bait, which includes grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to attract turkeys. An area is considered baited for 10 days after complete removal of the bait. A hunter can be in violation if they take or attempt to take a turkey by aid of bait where the hunter knows or reasonably should know the area is or was baited. It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.

Voiding the Permit: If you harvest a turkey, you must notch your permit immediately. See Page 20.

Tagging and Checking: See pages 20–21 for tagging and checking requirements.

Additional Information:

- If you kill or injure a turkey, you must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and include it in your season limit, but this does not authorize trespass.
- It is a violation to wantonly leave, abandon, or waste commonly edible portions of game.
- During the regular spring turkey season, anyone assisting another hunter must be properly licensed with either a filled or unfilled spring turkey hunting permit.
- During youth turkey season, you do not need a permit to assist a properly licensed youth hunter. You must, however, be 18 or older and hunter-education certified or born before Jan. 1, 1967.



MDC's MO Hunting App Makes Permits Easy

The Conservation Department's free MO Hunting app offers a quick, easy, and convenient option for carrying your permits afield, voiding a permit after harvesting a turkey, and Telechecking your harvest.

The app, which is available for Apple and Android devices, allows you to:

- See all the hunting, fishing, and trapping permits you have purchased — even if they were purchased from a traditional vendor, online, or by telephone.
- Carry valid, electronic permits afield.
- Electronically "notch" (void) your turkey permits directly from the app.
- Telecheck your turkey, using an easy-to-fill form. Telecheck will upload a confirmation number to the app. You can also see turkeys and deer you have Telechecked in the past. **Note:** Wildlife labeling requirements still apply. See Page 20.

To log in to MO Hunting, you'll need your Conservation Number. This nine-digit number can be found on your Heritage Card, Conservation Permit Card, or any current or previous permit. For help locating your Conservation Number, call 573-522-0107 during regular business hours or go to **short.mdc.mo.gov/ZkH**.

MO Hunting is available for free in the Google Play and Apple App stores. You can also get MO Hunting and learn more about the app at **short.mdc.mo.gov/Zi2**.

Important: Make sure you update MO Hunting before each hunting season to ensure you are using the most recent version of the app and that all of your permits are visible while hunting.

Coyotes may not be chased, pursued, or taken during daylight hours from April 1–19. During the regular spring turkey season, coyotes may be taken only from one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. on public lands. On private lands, they may be taken from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Only legal spring turkey methods may be used to take coyotes during spring turkey season, and hunters must have an unfilled spring turkey hunting permit and either a Resident Small Game Hunting Permit or a Nonresident Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Permit.

Spring Turkey Permits

Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit

Age 16 or older $19.50

Age 6–15 ..... $9.75

Resident Landowner

Spring Turkey Hunting Permit ..... No cost; see Page 6

Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit

Age 16 or older $304.50

Age 6–15 ..... $9.75

Nonresident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit $190.50

Available to nonresidents who own at least 75 acres in one contiguous tract in Missouri and members of the landowner's immediate household. See Page 6 for details.

Note: Youth age 6–15 are not required to be hunter-education certified. If a youth is hunter-education certified, they may hunt alone. If a youth is not hunter-education certified, they must be in the immediate presence of a mentor, age 18 or older, who is hunter-education certified or born before Jan. 1, 1967. The mentor does not need a permit during the youth turkey season but must possess a spring turkey hunting permit (filled or unfilled) during the regular season. Mentors may not hunt turkeys during the youth season.

Regardless of age, a youth hunter must be capable of holding, aiming, and shooting the firearm without help from a mentor.

Note: If you are mentoring a hunter who is *not* hunter-education certified and *not* using a landowner permit, you must be at least 18 years old and hunter-education certified even if you are hunting on your own land. Mentors born before Jan. 1, 1967, are exempt from this requirement.

Who may purchase resident permits?

- Any person who does not claim resident privileges in another state or country, and whose actual residence and legal permanent home address are both in Missouri, and have been for at least 30 days before applying for the permit. Owning real estate or attending a Missouri school does not in itself make you a legal resident.
- Missouri residents employed by the United States in the District of Columbia or serving in the U.S. armed forces. (Immediate family members who reside with them also may purchase resident permits.)
- All members of the U.S. armed forces stationed and residing in Missouri on permanent change-of-station status and immediate family members residing with them.
- Any honorably discharged military veteran having a service-related disability of 60 percent or greater, or who was a prisoner of war during military service; must carry certified statement of eligibility from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs while hunting and purchasing permits.

SUNRISE/SUNSET AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. Central Daylight Time

DAY	SUNRISE A.M.	SUNSET P.M.
APRIL		
11	6:38	7:42
12	6:37	7:43
20	6:25	7:50
21	6:24	7:51
22	6:23	7:52
23	6:21	7:53
24	6:20	7:54
25	6:19	7:55
26	6:18	7:56
27	6:16	7:57
28	6:15	7:58
29	6:14	7:59
30	6:13	8:00

DAY	SUNRISE A.M.	SUNSET P.M.
MAY		
1	6:11	8:01
2	6:10	8:02
3	6:09	8:03
4	6:08	8:04
5	6:07	8:05
6	6:06	8:05
7	6:05	8:06
8	6:04	8:07
9	6:03	8:08
10	6:02	8:09

This table is for Jefferson City and points on the same longitude north or south. For locations east, subtract one minute from the table for each 13 1/2 miles (airline) of distance. For locations west, add one minute for each 13 1/2 miles.

- Any member of the U.S. military currently assigned as a patient to a Warrior Transition Brigade, Warrior Transition Unit, or a military medical center; must carry orders showing such assignment while hunting and purchasing permits.
- Nonresidents who are registered students attending a public or private secondary, postsecondary, or vocational school in Missouri and who live in Missouri while attending school; must carry evidence of a Missouri residence and student status, such as a student ID, while hunting.
  Note: Nonresident students who qualify for resident permits must purchase them in person, over the phone, or through the mail from Conservation Department offices.
- Immigrants who possess an I-551 Resident Alien Card from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and who do not claim resident privileges in another state or country, and whose actual residence and legal permanent home address are both in Missouri, and have been for at least 30 days before purchasing a permit.

Purchasing Permits

You may purchase turkey hunting permits:

- Over the counter from any permit vendor. No surcharges will be assessed.
- Online at **mdc.mo.gov/buypermits**. Use your credit card to pay. No surcharges will be assessed. Print your permit at home and have it in hand immediately or use the free MO Hunting app (See Page 4). Your permit will appear on the app immediately after purchase.
- By telephone at 800-392-4115. Use your credit card and pay a $1 surcharge. Allow 10 days for delivery.

Note: No-cost resident landowner permits also are available. See Page 6 for additional information.

Landowner Permits

All turkey hunters, including landowners, must have a valid turkey hunting permit. Resident landowners may qualify for no-cost resident landowner permits. Nonresident landowners may qualify for reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits.

No-Cost Resident Landowner Permits

To qualify for no-cost resident landowner permits, you must be a Missouri resident. A Missouri resident is a person who does not claim any resident privileges (for example, hunting, fishing, trapping, driver's license, or registered voter) in another state or country and whose legal residence or domicile has been in the state of Missouri for at least 30 days prior to obtaining a landowner permit.

In addition to being a Missouri resident, you also must meet one of the following criteria:

- You must own at least 20 acres in one contiguous tract.
- You must be a member of the landowner's immediate household and have the same legal residence as the landowner for at least the last 30 days.
- You must be a general partner of a resident or foreign limited liability partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability limited partnership, or a general partner of a general partnership formed by written agreement and the partnership must own at least 20 contiguous acres.
- You must be an officer of a resident or foreign corporation and the corporation must own at least 20 contiguous acres.
- You must be a managing member of a resident or foreign limited liability company and the company must own at least 20 contiguous acres.
- You must be an officer of a benevolent association organized pursuant to Chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and the association must own at least 20 contiguous acres.
- You must be a settlor of a revocable trust that holds at least 20 contiguous acres.
- You must be a permissible distributee of an irrevocable trust that holds at least 20 contiguous acres.

Reduced-Cost Nonresident Landowner Permits

The Conservation Department offers reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits. To qualify, you must own at least 75 acres in one contiguous tract in Missouri. You also qualify if you are a member of the landowner's immediate household whose legal residence and domicile is the same as the landowner's for at least the last 30 days.

Submit Property Information to Get Landowner Permits

To get no-cost resident landowner permits or reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits, you must submit information about your property to the Conservation Department by filling out a Landowner Permit Application at **mdc.mo.gov/buypermits**.

Know the Rules

If you are using a landowner permit, you may harvest two turkeys during the spring season. You may NOT harvest additional turkeys by purchasing a Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit or a Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit. All landowner permits are valid only on the land for which they are issued. You must purchase a separate permit to hunt on land you do not own.

Where to Get Landowner Permits

Once your Landowner Permit Application has been accepted, you may get landowner permits using any of the following methods:

- Over the counter from any permit vendor. No surcharges will be assessed.
- Online at **mdc.mo.gov/buypermits**. Print your permit at home and have it in hand immediately or use the free MO Hunting app (See Page 4). Your permit will appear on the app immediately after purchase.
- By telephone at 800-392-4115. Use your credit card and pay a $1 surcharge. Allow 10 days for delivery.

Whichever method you choose, please be ready to provide your Conservation Number, Social Security number, or driver's license number.

Apprentice Hunter Authorization

To help introduce adults to hunting, the Conservation Department allows hunters age 16 or older who are not hunter-education certified to hunt with firearms, as long as they:

- First purchase the Apprentice Hunter Authorization for $12.50;
- Then purchase a firearms hunting permit for the season they want to hunt, for example, a Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit; and
- Hunt in the immediate presence of a properly licensed mentor 18 years old or older who is hunter-education certified or was born before Jan. 1, 1967. The mentor must have a filled or unfilled permit for the prescribed season. "Immediate presence" means close enough for normal conversation, without shouting.

Note: The Apprentice Hunter Authorization can be purchased twice, and it allows the holder to obtain firearms permits throughout the permit year. After the second purchase, the apprentice hunter will be required to become hunter-education certified if they want to continue purchasing firearms permits.

Turkey Habitat Initiative — What and Why

A picture is worth a thousand words: A well-managed woodland provides a diverse ground cover and offers ideal conditions to grow turkey poults. This photo was taken in early June.

The past year was a strong year for turkey hunters, with harvest reaching its highest level since 2006. Even so, turkeys remain only a couple of poor hatches away from declines like those seen after 2006 and 2016.

Nesting and brood rearing generally occur from mid-May through July. Poor reproduction is often tied to cool, wet weather during this time. Good reproduction is tied to favorable weather and occasional boosts in food, such as cicada hatches.

What can we do to buffer turkey populations against the unpredictability of weather and food? The answer is, create better habitat.

Good nesting cover is thick enough to restrict a hen's scent but open enough for her and her chicks to move through it. Brooding cover should provide an umbrella of vegetation — sparse at ground level, tall enough to conceal poults, and short enough for hens to see over. Tall fescue and closed-canopy woods with heavy leaf litter do not meet these needs.

Once poults hatch, they are vulnerable to cold and moisture. Wet vegetation — especially dense stands of cool-season grasses — can lead to hypothermia and death. Creating quality nesting cover and diverse, well-structured brooding habitat helps keep poults dry, mobile, and hidden.

Outbreaks of periodical cicadas highlight the importance of insects. When insects are abundant, poults grow faster, fly sooner, and escape predators more effectively. While we can't control cicada hatches, we can increase insect availability by managing for broadleaf forbs rather than grass-dominated cover.

Unmanaged forests and fescue-dominated fields shrink habitat into small patches, making nests and poults easier for predators to find. The takeaway is clear: Doing nothing is a management choice, and it rarely benefits turkeys. Opening forest canopies, reducing cool-season grasses, and restoring diverse plant communities produce results. Predator management can help, but without habitat management, its benefits are limited. Used together, they offer the best chance for success.

For more information on improving habitat for turkeys, including videos and a guide to evaluate the habitat on your property, visit **mdc.mo.gov/MOTurkeys**.

Turkey Hunting Regulations on Areas Managed or Owned by the Conservation Department

This table is intended to inform hunters of opportunities for hunting wild turkeys on public land managed or owned by the Conservation Department.

Turkey hunting is only allowed on Department areas that are listed in the table. If an area that is owned or managed by the Conservation Department is not listed, turkey hunting is not allowed. For hunting opportunities on public land that is not owned or managed by the Conservation Department, contact the appropriate agency.

For maps and more details of areas listed on the following pages, contact the regional office or visit **mdc.mo.gov/atlas**.

Regulation key for table

1. Statewide turkey seasons and limits apply.
2. Longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, atlatls, and crossbows may be used. Turkey hunting with firearms is prohibited. All other statewide turkey seasons and limits apply.
3. Only nontoxic shot may be used.
4. Managed hunt. See pages 16–17 for details.

Northwest 816-271-3100

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Agency	Buchanan	✓			
Aspinwall Bend	Atchison	✓		✓	
Bagley Woods[1]	Mercer	✓			
Bee Creek	Buchanan	✓			
Belcher Branch Lake	Buchanan	✓			
Bilby Ranch Lake	Nodaway	✓			
Bluffwoods	Buchanan	✓			
Bonanza	Caldwell	✓			
Brickyard Hill	Atchison	✓			
Brown, Bob	Holt	✓		✓	
Bunch Hollow	Carroll	✓			
Chloe Lowry Marsh	Mercer	✓			
Christie	Andrew	✓			
Corning	Atchison, Holt	✓		✓	
Crooked River	Ray	✓			
Dalton Bottoms Access	Chariton	✓			
Davis Memorial	Andrew	✓			
Denton Access	Gentry	✓			
Deroin Bend	Atchison, Holt	✓		✓	
Dupree Memorial	Buchanan	✓			
Elam Bend	Gentry	✓			
Elrod Mill Access	Andrew	✓			
Floyd Memorial	Chariton	✓			
Fountain Grove	Linn, Livingston	✓		✓	
Gallatin	Daviess	✓			
Grand Pass	Saline	✓		✓	
Grand Trace	Harrison	✓			
Hadorn Bridge Access	Andrew	✓			
Happy Holler Lake	Andrew	✓			
Hardin	Ray	✓			
Helton Memorial	Harrison	✓			
Holmes Bend Access	Daviess	✓			
Honey Creek	Andrew	✓			
Jamesport Community Lake	Daviess		✓		
King Lake	DeKalb, Gentry	✓			
Kneib Memorial	Buchanan	✓			
Lake Paho	Mercer	✓			
Little Compton Lake	Carroll	✓			
Little Tarkio Prairie	Holt	✓			
Logan Memorial	Buchanan	✓			
Lower Hamburg Bend	Atchison	✓		✓	
McClure	Mercer	✓			
McCormack	Holt	✓			
McGee Family	Clinton	✓			
McKinny	Carroll	✓			
Mockingbird Hill Access	Grundy	✓			
Monkey Mountain	Holt	✓			
Mussel Fork	Linn, Macon	✓			
Nishnabotna	Atchison	✓		✓	
Nodaway County Community Lake	Nodaway	✓			
Nodaway Valley	Holt, Andrew	✓		✓	
O'Keefe	Buchanan	✓			
Pawnee Prairie	Harrison	✓			
Pigeon Hill	Buchanan	✓			
Pony Express Lake	Dekalb	✓			
Poosey	Livingston	✓			
Punkin Center Access	Livingston	✓			
Riverbreaks	Holt	✓			

[1] This area is landlocked. You must get permission from landowner to gain access.

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Rush Bottoms	Holt	✓		✓	
Schifferdecker Memorial	Carroll	✓			
Seat Memorial	Gentry, Worth	✓			
Sowards Ford Access	Worth	✓			
Star School Hill Prairie	Atchison	✓			
Sterling Price Community Lake	Chariton	✓			
Sunbridge Hills	Buchanan	✓			
Tarkio Prairie	Atchison	✓			
Thurnau	Holt	✓		✓	
VanDyke	Mercer	✓			
Wagner	Ray	✓			
Wiese[2]	Chariton	✓			
Wolf Creek Bend	Holt	✓		✓	
Worth County Community Lake	Worth	✓			
Worthwine Island	Andrew	✓			
Yellow Creek	Chariton	✓			

Northeast 660-785-2420

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Anderson	Ralls, Pike	✓			
Arrow-Wood	Shelby	✓			
Atlanta — Long Branch Lake	Macon	✓			
Bee Hollow	Macon, Randolph	✓			
Big Creek	Adair	✓			
Black Hawk Access	Marion	✓			
Bollow	Shelby	✓			
Callahan Mound Access	Marion	✓			
Cedar Bluff Access	Monroe	✓			
Clark	Clark	✓			
Dark Hollow	Sullivan	✓			
Deer Ridge	Lewis	✓			
Dodd Access	Macon	✓			
Dunn Ford Access	Marion	✓			
Dupont Reservation	Pike	✓			
Elmslie Memorial	Marion	✓			
Ewing Lake	Scotland	✓			
Fabius Chute Access	Marion	✓			
Fox Valley Lake	Clark	✓			
Frost Island	Clark	✓		✓	
Griffiths Memorial	Macon	✓			

[2] Area is accessible by boat via Grand River or with permission from surrounding landowners.

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Heath Memorial	Clark	✓			
Henry Sever Lake	Knox	✓			
Hidden Hollow	Macon	✓			
Hunnewell Access	Shelby	✓			
Hunnewell Lake	Shelby	✓			
Indian Hills	Scotland	✓			
Julian Steyermark Woods	Marion		✓		
LaBelle Lake	Lewis	✓			
Locust Creek	Sullivan	✓			
McPike Access	Marion	✓			
Mineral Hills	Putnam	✓			
Montgomery Woods	Adair, Macon	✓			
Morris Prairie	Sullivan	✓			
Mound View Access	Shelby	✓			
Neeper	Clark	✓			
Pin Oak	Shelby	✓			
Ranacker	Pike	✓			
Ray Memorial	Marion		✓		
Rebel's Cove	Putnam, Schuyler	✓			
Redman	Macon	✓			
Rocky Hollow	Monroe	✓			
Rose Pond	Clark	✓		✓	
Sears Community Lake	Sullivan	✓			
Shoemaker	Adair	✓			
Soulard Access	Marion	✓			
Sugar Creek	Adair	✓			
Sunnyside School Access	Lewis	✓			
Ted Shanks	Pike	✓		✓	
Thomas Hill Reservoir	Macon	✓			
Tolona Access	Lewis	✓			
Union Ridge	Adair, Putnam, Sullivan	✓			
Upper Mississippi — Angle, Blackbird, Blackburn, Ducher, Gilbert, Mozier, North Fritz, Pharrs, and South Fritz islands	Pike	✓			
Upper Mississippi — Bay Island	Marion	✓			
Upper Mississippi — Cottonwood Island	Lewis	✓			
Upper Mississippi — Fabius, Orton, Poage, Whitney, Ziegler Islands	Marion	✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
White Oak Bend Access	Knox	✓			
William E. Crawford	Clark	✓			
Willingham Memorial	Monroe	✓			
Woodlawn Access	Monroe	✓			
Wyaconda Crossing	Lewis	✓			

Kansas City 816-622-0900

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Amarugia Highlands	Cass	✓			
Balltown Access	Vernon	✓			
Baltimore Bend	Lafayette	✓			
Berrier (Dr. Harry and Mrs. Lina) Memorial	Cass	✓			
Big Buffalo Creek	Benton, Morgan	✓			
Big Drywood Creek	Vernon	✓			
Birdsong	St. Clair	✓			
Bittern Bottoms	Cass		✓		
Blackjack Access	St. Clair	✓			
Brickley Hollow	Benton	✓			
Bridger Urban	Jackson		✓		
Bristow	Vernon	✓			
Bruns Tract	Pettis	✓			
Bryson's Hope	Pettis	✓			
Cephas Ford Access	Vernon	✓			
Chapel View Prairie	Henry	✓			
Cooley Lake	Clay	✓		✓	
Dave Rock	St. Clair	✓			
Dorsett Hill Prairie	Cass	✓			
Douglas Branch	Vernon	✓			
Drovers' Prairie	Pettis		✓		
Edmonson Access	Benton	✓			
Ferguson-Herold	Lafayette	✓			
Fewel	Henry	✓			
Flight Lake	Vernon	✓			
Four Rivers	Vernon, Bates	✓		✓	
Friendly Prairie	Pettis		✓		
Gama Grass Prairie	Vernon	✓			
Grandfather Prairie	Pettis	✓			
Granny's Acres	Benton	✓			
Harmony Mission Lake	Bates	✓			
Hartwell	Pettis	✓			
Hazel Hill Lake	Johnson	✓			
Hi Lonesome Prairie	Benton	✓			
Ionia Ridge	Benton	✓			
Kahrs-Boger Park	Pettis	✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
J.N. "Turkey" Kearn Memorial	Pettis, Johnson	✓			
Kendzora	Buchanan, Platte	✓			
Kings Prairie Access	St. Clair	✓			
La Due Bottoms	Henry	✓			
Liberty Bend	Clay	✓			
Lichen Glade	St. Clair	✓			
Linscomb	St. Clair	✓			
Little Bean Marsh	Platte	✓		✓	
Little Osage Prairie	Vernon	✓			
Lone Jack Lake	Jackson	✓			
Lost Valley Fish Hatchery	Benton	✓			
Maple Leaf Lake	Lafayette	✓			
Marshall	Platte	✓			
Montrose	Henry	✓		✓	
Mora	Benton	✓			
Mount Hulda Towersite	Benton	✓			
Old Town Access	Bates	✓			
Osage Prairie	Vernon	✓			
Paint Brush Prairie	Pettis	✓			
Park, Guy B.	Platte	✓			
Parma Woods Range & Training Center — North of Powerlines Only	Platte	✓			
Peabody	Bates	✓			
Perry Memorial	Johnson, Pettis, Saline	✓		✓	
Platte Falls	Platte	✓		✓	
Poague	Henry	✓			
Ripgut Prairie	Bates	✓			
Schell-Osage	Vernon, St. Clair	✓		✓	
Settle's Ford	Bates, Cass	✓		✓	
Sni-A-Bar	Lafayette	✓			
Taberville Prairie	St. Clair	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Bethlehem	Henry	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Brownington	Henry	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Brush Creek	Benton	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Cedar Creek	Henry	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Deepwater Creek	Henry	✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Truman Reservoir — Gallinipper Creek	St. Clair	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Gouge Eye	Henry	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Grand River Bottoms	Henry	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Leesville	Henry	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Little Pomme de Terre	Benton	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Little Tebo Creek	Benton	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Sac-Osage	St. Clair	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Salt Creek	St. Clair	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Tebo Islands	Benton	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Upper Tebo Creek	Henry	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Valhalla	St. Clair	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Weaubleau Creek	St. Clair	✓			
Urich	Henry	✓			
Wah'Kon-Tah Prairie — North of Highway 82	St. Clair	✓			
W.R. Kearn Memorial	Pettis	✓			

Central 573-815-7900

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Ben Branch Lake	Osage	✓			
Bennitt, Rudolf	Boone, Howard, Randolph	✓			
Blind Pony Lake	Saline	✓			
Blue Lick	Saline	✓			
Boeckman Bridge Access	Miller		✓		
Branch Towersite	Camden	✓			
Bruns Access	Osage	✓			
Burnt Mill Cave	Camden	✓			
Canaan	Gasconade	✓			
Carpenter Memorial	Morgan	✓			
Charles W. Green	Boone				✓
Church Farm	Cole	✓		✓	
Clifty Creek	Maries	✓			
Cooper Hill	Osage	✓			
Danville	Montgomery	✓			
Davisdale	Howard	✓			
Diana Bend	Howard	✓		✓	
Diggs	Audrain	✓			
Eagle Bluffs	Boone	✓		✓	
Earthquake Hollow	Callaway	✓			
Fiery Fork	Camden	✓			
Franklin Island	Howard	✓		✓	
Gale Access	Camden	✓			
Grand Bluffs	Montgomery	✓			
Hart Creek	Boone	✓			
Henry Jackson Waters and C. B. Moss Memorial	Boone		✓		
Hinkson Woods	Boone		✓		
Hite Prairie	Morgan	✓			
Honey Creek Access	Cole	✓			
Hungry Mother	Howard	✓			
Lamine River	Cooper, Morgan	✓			
Lick Creek	Boone	✓			
Little Dixie Lake	Callaway	✓			
Loutre Lick Access	Montgomery	✓			
Lowe	Audrain	✓			
Madden Ford Access	Miller	✓			
Manito Lake	Morgan, Moniteau	✓			
Mansfield	Camden	✓			
Marion Bottoms	Cole, Moniteau	✓		✓	
Marshall Junction	Saline	✓			
Moniteau Creek	Howard	✓			
Moores Mill Access	Callaway	✓			
Northcutt Memorial	Audrain	✓			
Painted Rock	Osage	✓			
Pikes Camp Access	Cole	✓			
Plowboy Bend	Moniteau	✓		✓	
Prairie Home	Cooper, Moniteau	✓			
Proctor Towersite	Morgan	✓			
Reform	Callaway	✓			
Rinquelin Trail Lake	Maries	✓			
Rocky Fork Lakes	Boone	✓			
Rocky Mount Towersite	Miller	✓			
Saline Valley	Miller	✓			
Scrivner Road	Cole	✓			
Smith	Moniteau, Cole	✓			
Smoky Waters	Osage, Cole	✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Spring Creek Gap	Maries	✓			
Stringtown Bridge Access	Cole	✓			
Tate Island	Callaway	✓			
Three Creeks — Excluding Waters-Russell Unit	Boone	✓			
Three Creeks — Waters-Russell Unit	Boone				✓
Toronto Springs	Camden	✓			
Tri-City Community Lake	Boone	✓			
Vandalia Community Lake	Audrain	✓			
Wellsville Lake	Montgomery	✓			
Whetstone Creek	Callaway	✓			
White	Audrain, Monroe	✓			
Wigwam School Access	Morgan	✓			
Wilson Camp Access	Miller	✓			

St. Louis 636-441-4554

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Anderson Memorial	Crawford	✓			
August A. Busch	St. Charles				✓
B.K. Leach Memorial	Lincoln	✓		✓	
Blue Springs Creek	Crawford	✓			
Bootleg Access	Washington	✓			
Catawissa	Franklin	✓			
Crooked Creek	Crawford	✓			
Cuivre Island	Lincoln, St. Charles	✓			
Daniel Boone	Warren	✓			
Forest 44 — Jay Henges Range Restricted Portion	St. Louis				✓
Howell Island	St. Charles	✓			
Hughes Mountain	Washington	✓			
Huzzah	Crawford	✓			
Kessler Memorial	Lincoln	✓			
Keysville Towersite	Crawford	✓			
Kingston Access	Washington	✓			
LaBarque Creek	Jefferson	✓			
Little Indian Creek	Franklin, Washington	✓			
Little Lost Creek	Warren	✓			
Logan	Lincoln	✓			
Long Ridge	Franklin	✓			
Marais Temps Clair	St. Charles			✓	✓

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Meramec — Excluding Wildlife Refuge	Franklin	✓			
Merrill Horse Access	Jefferson	✓			
Myron and Sonya Glassberg Family	Jefferson	✓			
Noser Mill	Franklin	✓			
Pacific Palisades	Jefferson	✓			
Pea Ridge	Washington	✓			
Prairie Slough	Pike, Lincoln	✓			
Redhorse Access	Franklin	✓			
Reifsnider	Warren	✓			
River 'Round	Franklin	✓			
Rockwoods Range	St. Louis				✓
Saint Stanislaus	St. Louis				✓
Sandy Island	Lincoln	✓			
Sizemore Memorial	Crawford	✓			
Upper Mississippi — Dresser Island	St. Charles	✓			
Upper Mississippi — Pool 26 Tracts	St. Charles	✓			
Upper Mississippi — Stag, Sterling, Westport Islands	Lincoln	✓			
Valley View Glades	Jefferson	✓			
Victoria Glades	Jefferson	✓			
Vonaventure Memorial	Lincoln	✓			
Weldon Spring	St. Charles				✓
White Memorial	Lincoln	✓			
Young	Jefferson	✓			

Southwest 417-895-6880

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Alfred Newton Gossett	Dallas	✓			
Barclay	Dallas	✓			
Bear Creek	Laclede	✓			
Bennett Spring Access	Dallas	✓			
Bethel Prairie	Barton	✓			
Bluff Springs	Cedar	✓			
Bois D'Arc	Greene	✓			
Boston Ferry	Taney		✓		
Brush Creek	Polk	✓			
Buffalo Hills	McDonald	✓			
Buffalo Wallow Prairie	Barton	✓			
Bushwhacker Lake	Barton, Vernon	✓			
Busiek	Christian	✓			
Capps Creek	Newton	✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Charity Access	Dallas	✓			
Clear Creek	Vernon, Barton	✓			
Coffin Cave	Laclede	✓			
Compton Hollow	Webster	✓			
Comstock Prairie	Barton	✓			
Corry Flatrocks	Dade	✓			
Cowskin Access	McDonald	✓			
Cross Timbers Access	Hickory	✓			
Dale Sare	Greene	✓			
Davis Memorial	Barton	✓			
Deep Ford Access	McDonald	✓			
Diamond Grove Prairie	Newton	✓			
Dorris Creek Prairie	Barton	✓			
Drury-Mincy	Taney	✓			
Drynob Access	Laclede		✓		
Drywood	Barton	✓			
Fiddlers Ford Access	Dade	✓			
Flag Spring	McDonald, Barry	✓			
Fort Crowder	Newton	✓			
Goodman Towersite	Newton	✓			
Goose Creek	Laclede	✓			
Hayes Spring	Stone	✓			
Holland	Stone	✓			
Hollister Towersite	Taney	✓			
Horse Creek Prairie	Dade	✓			
Huckleberry Ridge	McDonald	✓			
Indigo Prairie	Dade	✓			
Jessie Hollow	Stone	✓			
John Baumgardt Memorial	Barry	✓			
Kickapoo Prairie	Lawrence	✓			
Lanagan Towersite	McDonald	✓			
Lead Mine	Dallas	✓			
Lewis Family, Dean, Anna Mae, and David D. Lewis Memorial	Taney	✓			
Little Sac Woods	Greene	✓			
Mary Lawson	Laclede	✓			
Monegaw Prairie	Cedar	✓			
Mo-No-I Prairie	Barton	✓			
Mon-Shon Prairie	Barton	✓			
Mule Shoe	Camden, Hickory	✓			
Murphy Memorial	Hickory	✓			
Neosho Towersite	Newton	✓			
Niangua	Webster	✓			
Niawathe Prairie	Dade	✓			
Osage Fork	Laclede	✓			
Pa Sole Prairie	Barton	✓			
Paris Springs Access	Lawrence	✓			
Phenix Access	Greene	✓			
Pilot Knob	Stone	✓			
Pleasant Hope	Polk	✓			
Pomme de Terre Lake Management Lands	Hickory, Polk	✓			
Powell Towersite	McDonald	✓			
Providence Prairie	Lawrence	✓			
Rader Access	Webster	✓			
Redwing Prairie	Barton	✓			
Risch	Barton	✓			
Roaring River	Barry	✓			
Rocky Barrens	Greene	✓			
Sentinel	Polk	✓			
Shawnee Trail	Barton	✓			
Sky Prairie	Cedar	✓			
Sloan	Dade	✓			
Sons Creek	Dade	✓			
Stockton Lake — Big Sac Unit	Dade, Polk	✓			
Stockton Lake — Little Sac Unit	Dade, Polk	✓			
Stony Point Prairie	Dade	✓			
Stubblefield Access	Barry	✓			
Talbot	Lawrence	✓			
Tipton Ford Access	Newton	✓			
Treaty Line Prairie	Barton	✓			
Truman Reservoir — Cross Timbers	Hickory	✓			
Turkey Creek	Cedar	✓			
Twenty-Five Mile Prairie	Polk	✓			
Wade and June Shelton Memorial	Dade	✓			
Williams Ford Access	Dallas	✓			
Wire Road	Stone	✓			

Ozark 417-256-7161

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Allen Memorial	Wright	✓			
Angeline	Shannon	✓			
Barn Hollow	Howell, Texas	✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Barnes	Texas	✓			
Beaver Creek	Phelps	✓			
Birch Creek	Shannon	✓			
Bohigian	Phelps	✓			
Brown	Dent	✓			
Bull Shoals Lake	Ozark	✓			
Buzzard Bluff Access	Wright	✓			
Cabool Towersite	Texas	✓			
Caney Mountain — Inside Fenced Portion	Ozark				✓
Caney Mountain — Outside Fenced Portion	Ozark	✓			
Carter Creek	Carter	✓			
Cedar Gap	Wright	✓			
Cedar Grove	Dent	✓			
Clement Memorial Forest	Dent	✓			
Cover Memorial	Oregon	✓			
Cover Prairie	Howell	✓			
Davidson-Paris	Howell	✓			
Davis	Howell	✓			
Eck	Texas	✓			
Fort Leonard Wood Towersite	Pulaski	✓			
Fourche Creek	Ripley	✓			
Fuson	Wright	✓			
Gasconade Hills	Pulaski	✓			
Gist Ranch	Texas	✓			
Hemenway	Ripley	✓			
Horseshoe Bend	Texas	✓			
Houston Towersite	Texas	✓			
Hunter Towersite	Carter	✓			
Hyer Woods	Dent	✓			
Indian Trail	Dent	✓			
Lamberson Memorial	Texas	✓			
Little Black	Ripley	✓			
Little Prairie	Phelps	✓			
Massengill	Douglas	✓			
Midvale	Texas	✓			
Montauk Towersite	Dent	✓			
Mountain View Towersite	Howell	✓			
Mudpuppy	Ripley	✓			
Norfork Lake	Ozark	✓			
Odin Access	Wright	✓			
Patrick Bridge Access	Ozark	✓			
Peck Ranch — Inside Fenced Portion	Shannon, Carter				✓
Peck Ranch — Outside Fenced Portion	Shannon, Carter	✓			
Piney River Narrows	Texas	✓			
Rippee	Douglas	✓			
Rocky Creek	Shannon	✓			
Rose Hill Towersite	Oregon	✓			
Roubidoux Creek	Pulaski	✓			
Sand Pond	Ripley	✓			
Shannon Ranch	Douglas	✓			
Short Bend Access	Dent	✓			
Sunklands	Shannon	✓			
Tecumseh Towersite	Ozark	✓			
Timber Knob Towersite	Ozark	✓			
Tingler Prairie	Howell	✓			
Vanderhoef Memorial	Howell	✓			
Vera Cruz Access	Douglas	✓			
Warm Fork	Oregon	✓			
White State Forest Nursery	Texas	✓			
White Ranch	Howell	✓			
White River Trace	Dent	✓			
Woods Memorial	Phelps, Crawford	✓			

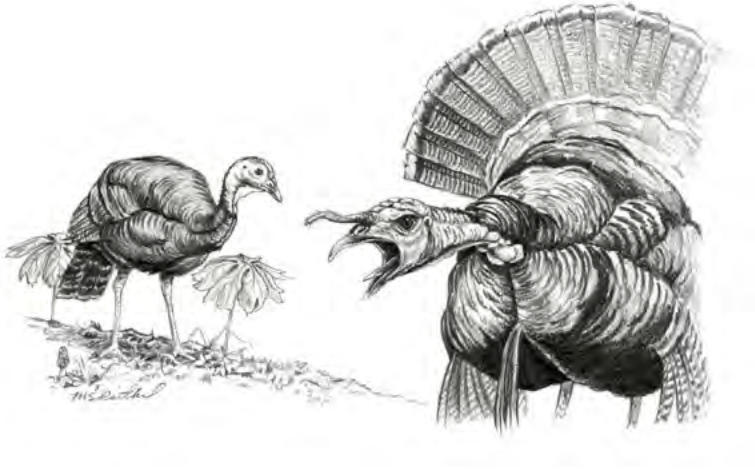
Southeast 573-290-5730

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Amidon Memorial	Bollinger	✓			
Apple Creek	Cape Girardeau	✓			
Aquilla Access	Stoddard	✓			
Ben Cash Memorial	Dunklin	✓		✓	
Big Cane	Butler	✓			
Bismarck	St. Francois	✓			
Black Island — All Units	Pemiscot	✓		✓	
Blue Spring Branch	Perry	✓			
Buck Mountain[3]	St. Francois	✓			
Buford Mountain	Iron, Washington	✓			
Cape LaCroix Bluffs	Scott	✓			
Castor River	Bollinger	✓			
Cedar Mountain[3]	Iron	✓			
Chalk Bluff Trail Access	Dunklin		✓		
Champion Springs[3]	Reynolds	✓			
Clearwater	Reynolds	✓			
Clearwater Lake	Reynolds	✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Clubb Creek	Bollinger	✓			
Coldwater Access	Wayne	✓			
Coldwater — Inside Disabled Hunt Area	Wayne				✓
Coldwater — Outside Disabled Hunt Area	Wayne	✓			
Coon Island	Butler	✓		✓	
Corkwood	Butler	✓			
Crowleys Ridge	Stoddard	✓			
Current River	Shannon, Reynolds, Carter	✓			
Donaldson Point	New Madrid	✓		✓	
Duck Creek	Bollinger, Stoddard, Wayne	✓		✓	
Duck Creek — Dark Cypress Swamp Unit	Bollinger	✓		✓	
Duck Creek — Greenbrier Unit	Bollinger	✓		✓	
Flatwoods	Wayne	✓			
Frisbee Cutoff Access	Dunklin	✓		✓	
Funk Memorial	Iron	✓			
General Watkins	Scott	✓			
Gipsy Towersite	Bollinger	✓			
Grassy Towersite	Bollinger	✓			
Graves Mountain	Wayne, Iron	✓			
Hammer Memorial	Wayne	✓			
Hawn Access	Bollinger	✓			
Holly Ridge	Stoddard	✓			
Hornersville Swamp	Dunklin	✓		✓	
Horton Farm	Ste. Genevieve	✓			
Iron Bridge Access	Wayne	✓			
John L. and Georgia Girvin	New Madrid, Pemiscot	✓		✓	
Ketcherside Mountain	Iron, Reynolds	✓			
Knob Lick Towersite	St. Francois	✓			
Lake Girardeau	Cape Girardeau	✓			
Little Whitewater	Bollinger	✓			
Logan Creek	Reynolds, Shannon	✓			
Lon Sanders Canyon	Wayne		✓		
Mac and Zelma Carmichael State Forest[3]	Butler	✓			
Magnolia Hollow	Ste. Genevieve	✓			
Maintz Wildlife Preserve	Cape Girardeau	✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4
Marquand Access	Madison	✓			
Millstream Gardens	Madison	✓			
Oak Ridge	Stoddard	✓			
Old Plantation Access	Cape Girardeau	✓			
Poplar Bluff	Butler	✓			
Red Rock Landing	Perry	✓			
Riverside	Reynolds, Iron, Wayne	✓			
Sand Prairie	Scott	✓			
Sank	Bollinger	✓			
Seven Island	Mississippi	✓		✓	
Seventy-Six	Perry	✓			
Stephen J. Sun	Butler	✓			
Sweetgum Access	Bollinger	✓			
Swift Ditch Access	New Madrid	✓		✓	
Ten Mile Pond	Mississippi	✓		✓	
Thompson Ford Access	Madison	✓			
Tywappity Towersite	Scott	✓			
University Forest	Wayne, Butler	✓			
Wappapello Lake	Wayne	✓			
Warbler Woods	Dunklin	✓		✓	
Wilhelmina	Butler, Dunklin	✓			
Windy Bar Island	Cape Girardeau	✓			
Yokum School	Wayne	✓			

[3] This area is landlocked. You must get permission from landowner to gain access.



Managed Spring Turkey Hunts

Hunt No.	Area Name	County	Dates	Quota	Odds[1]
Archery *(1 hunt — longbow, recurve bow, compound bow, crossbow, or atlatl only)*					
1	Caney Mountain CA — Inside Fenced Portion [2,3]	Ozark	April 20–26	30	57%
Firearms *(17 hunts — shotgun only)*					
2	August A. Busch CA [3]	St. Charles	April 20–23	40	11%
3	August A. Busch CA [3]	St. Charles	April 25–28	40	16%
4	August A. Busch CA [3]	St. Charles	May 1–4	40	27%
5	August A. Busch CA [3]	St. Charles	May 7–10	40	44%
6	August A. Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center [4,5] Mandatory pre-hunt orientation begins at 4 p.m., April 6	St. Charles	May 4–5	4	24%
7	Caney Mountain CA — Inside Fenced Portion [2,3]	Ozark	April 27–May 3	30	23%
8	Caney Mountain CA — Inside Fenced Portion [2,3]	Ozark	May 4–10	30	48%
	Charles W. Green CA and Three Creeks CA — Waters-Russell Unit [4,5] Mandatory pre-hunt orientation begins at 5 p.m., April 24. (Call 573-522-4115, ext. 3420 by 5 p.m. on April 1 to apply.)	Boone	April 25–26	5	N/A
	Coldwater CA — Inside Disabled Hunt Area [2,6] (Call 573-663-7130, ext. 4972 by 5 p.m. on March 31 to apply.)	Wayne	April 20–May 10	5	N/A
9	Peck Ranch CA — Inside Fenced Portion [2, 3]	Carter/Shannon	April 20–26	40	14%
10	Peck Ranch CA — Inside Fenced Portion [2, 3]	Carter/Shannon	April 27–May 3	40	27%
11	Peck Ranch CA — Inside Fenced Portion [2, 3]	Carter/Shannon	May 4–10	40	57%
12	Rockwoods Range [4,5] Mandatory pre-hunt orientation begins at 5 p.m., April 6	St. Louis	May 4–5	4	36%
13	Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	April 20–23	40	14%
14	Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	April 25–28	40	23%
15	Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	May 1–4	40	35%
16	Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	May 7–10	40	53%
Youth-Only Firearms for Ages 11–15 *(8 hunts — shotgun only)*					
17	August A. Busch CA [3]	St. Charles	April 11–12	15	38%
18	Caney Mountain CA — Inside Fenced Portion [2,3]	Ozark	April 11–12	10	83%
19	Fellows Lake	Greene	April 11–12	4	36%
20	Marais Temps Clair CA	St. Charles	April 20–May 10	2	29%
21	Peck Ranch CA — Inside Fenced Portion [2,3]	Carter/Shannon	April 11–12	10	42%
22	Saint Stanislaus CA	St. Louis	April 11–12	3	100%
23	Saint Stanislaus CA	St. Louis	April 20–May 3	3	60%
24	Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	April 11–12	15	38%

Key

CA = Conservation Area

[1] Odds of being selected are based on last year's drawings; 100 percent odds do not guarantee you will be drawn.

[2] Managed hunt occurs in a designated area; statewide regulations apply outside the designated area.

[3] Hunters permanently needing to use a wheelchair may bypass the random drawing but do not displace others in the drawing. Send a request with a statement from a licensed physician to: Managed Turkey Hunts, Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180. Requests must be received by Feb. 28.

[4] Do not apply for this hunt if you cannot attend the mandatory pre-hunt orientation.

[5] Only hunters 18 and older who have never harvested a turkey are eligible to apply. Hunters will be accompanied by a mentor during the hunt.

[6] Hunters must permanently need to use a wheelchair to participate in this hunt.

When to Apply: Feb. 1–28
Valid Permits: Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit
Bag Limit: One male turkey or turkey with visible beard.
Note: A turkey taken at a managed hunt counts toward your season limit. Limits are determined by the permit you are using. If you're using a Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, you may take only one turkey during the spring seasons (youth and regular combined). If you're using a Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, you may take two turkeys, but restrictions apply on when you can harvest a second bird (see Page 3).
Hunter Quota: See table on Page 16 for the number of hunters who will be drawn to participate in each hunt.
Odds: See table on Page 16.

Points to remember

- You may apply for only one managed hunt.
- You may apply individually or with one other youth for a youth managed hunt. You may apply individually or with up to two other hunters for other managed hunts.
- Only hunters who are drawn for a managed hunt may attend that managed hunt. If you cannot attend, another hunter can't take your place.
- To participate in a youth-only managed hunt, you must be 11–15 years old. To participate in a non-youth managed hunt, you must be at least 11 years old.
- You must attend a mandatory pre-hunt orientation for some managed hunts. If you cannot attend, do not apply.
- All youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult mentor (age 18 or older) who is hunter-education certified or exempt. The mentor does not need a permit if the managed hunt occurs during youth turkey season but must possess a filled or unfilled spring turkey hunting permit if the managed hunt occurs during the regular season. Mentors must attend the pre-hunt orientation if one is required and may not hunt during the managed hunt.

Hunter-Education Requirement for Managed Hunts

Hunter-education certification is required to participate in a managed turkey hunt unless:

- You were born before Jan. 1, 1967.
- You are 11–15 years old and are hunting in the immediate presence of a properly-licensed adult mentor who is hunter-education certified or was born before Jan. 1, 1967.
- You are 16 or older, purchased an Apprentice Hunter Authorization, and are hunting in the immediate presence of a properly-licensed adult mentor who is hunter-education certified or was born before Jan. 1, 1967.

Note: Managed hunts held on lands not owned by MDC may continue to require hunter-education certification.

Managed Turkey Hunt Application Worksheet

Hunt No.: _____

Method: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Hunter **Conservation Number(s)** (nine-digit number on your Heritage Card, Conservation Permit Card, or any current or previous permit):

1. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
2. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
3. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

To apply, complete the following steps.

Step 1: Designate one member of your group to go online. That person ***must*** have ready the following information:

- The number for the preferred hunt
- The nine-digit Conservation Number of each hunter in the group. If you need a number, call 573-522-0107 during regular business hours. **Note:** A Social Security number is not the same as a Conservation Number. Your Conservation Number is located on your Heritage Card, Conservation Permit Card, or any current or previous permit.

Step 2: Complete the worksheet on this page ***before*** applying so you will have all the information ready.

Step 3: Go online at **short.mdc.mo.gov/Z3d**. If you correctly enter all the required information, you will receive a message confirming your application. To change or delete your application, visit the same website and click "Change or Delete Your Hunt."

To find out if you've been selected

From March 15 through May 10, go online. Be prepared to enter your nine-digit Conservation Number (the same number you used when you applied).

All successful applicants will receive via email an area map, other hunt information, and rules established for the hunt that must be followed. If an email address is not available, hunt information will be sent by mail. If your email or mailing address changes, call the Department during business hours at 573-522-0107.

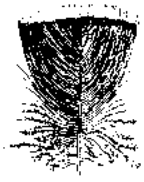
How to Tell a Gobbler from a Hen

Gobblers are large birds with a black body and long beard. Hens sometimes have beards, but they are smaller, brown, and have blue heads. Bearded hens produce young and help increase the turkey population. They should not be killed, but any turkey with a visible beard is legal. Hens without beards are illegal to shoot during the spring turkey seasons.

HEN

Breast feathers buff-tipped

Female



Male

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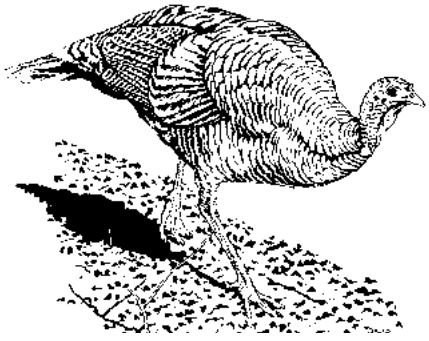
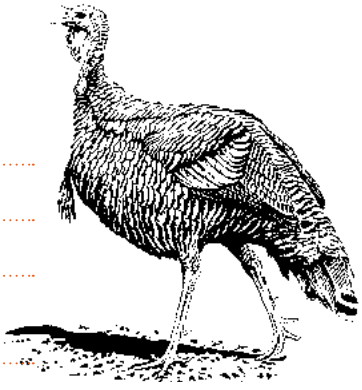
GOBBLER



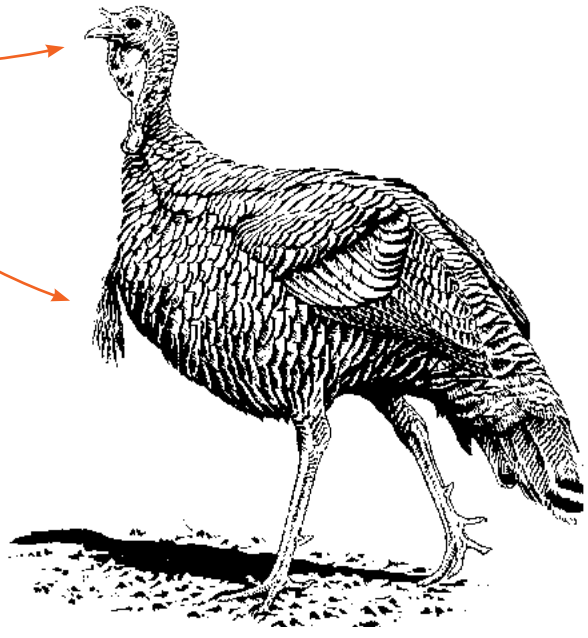
Mainly blue	**HEAD**	Mainly red
Usually no beard	**BEARD**	Long tassel-like
Appears rusty	**BREAST**	Appears black
No spurs	**SPURS**	Usually 3/4 inch or more



JUVENILE GOBBLERS have spurs less than 1/2 inch long and a beard less than 6 inches long.

Basic Rules for Safe Turkey Hunting

- Identify a turkey's head and beard before aiming.
- Never shoot at sound or movement. Assume it is another hunter until you can clearly see a turkey's head and beard.
- Wear hunter orange when walking through the woods.
- Use hunter orange to identify your hunting location.
- Wrap a bagged turkey or decoy in hunter orange when transporting it.
- Dress defensively. Never wear red, white, blue, or black while turkey hunting.
- Be sure of your target and what lies beyond.
- Never follow the sound of a gobbling turkey or attempt to sneak up on turkeys. Always call turkeys to you.
- Sit against a large tree or other natural barrier to shield yourself from hunters approaching from the rear.
- Shout "STOP" when another hunter approaches. Don't move, wave, whistle, or make turkey calls to get their attention.



Feral Swine

Feral swine are highly destructive and prolific pests. They cause significant damage to wildlife habitat, compete with native wildlife for food, prey upon native wildlife, destroy nests of birds such as turkeys, degrade natural areas and agricultural fields, pollute ponds and streams, and spread diseases to livestock, people, and pets. Feral swine must be eliminated in Missouri.

Report Feral Swine

- Report feral swine sightings and damage to 573-522-4115, ext. 3296.
- Releasing swine into the wild is illegal. If you see someone releasing swine, report violators to your local conservation agent.
- During deer and turkey seasons, opportunistic take of feral swine by hunters with an unfilled deer or turkey hunting permit is allowed on lands owned, leased, or managed by the Conservation Department. Outside of deer and turkey seasons, the taking of feral swine is prohibited on lands owned, leased, or managed by the Conservation Department.

The Conservation Department along with about 16 other agencies and organizations make up the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership. The Partnership is working with private landowners to eliminate feral swine from Missouri. Swine are social animals that travel in groups called sounders. Shooting one or two swine scatters the sounder and makes trapping efforts aimed at catching the entire group at once more difficult. With their high reproductive rate, removing only one or two swine does not help to reduce populations. Anyone who observes a feral swine or damage caused by feral swine should report it to the Conservation Department rather than shooting the animal.

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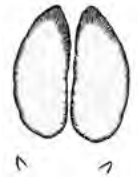
Feral swine



DAVID BESENGER ILLUSTRATION

Feral swine tracks are distinguished from deer tracks by the rounded or blunt tips of the toes. The toes of a swine track on a firm surface tend to be more splayed than a deer track. A swine track also appears rounded or square; deer tracks appear heart-shaped and have more sharply pointed toes. The presence of dew claw marks with feral swine or white-tailed deer tracks is not an indicator of sex as is commonly thought. Dew claw marks simply mean that the animal was running or stepping on a soft surface.

We Need Your Help!

Please participate in the Conservation Department's wild turkey brood survey.

The Department has conducted a wild turkey brood survey annually since 1959. The survey relies on volunteers to submit observations of all wild turkeys (hens, poults, and gobblers) they see during June, July, and August. This information is critical for evaluating the quality of the hatch and for monitoring Missouri's wild turkey population.

To learn how you can participate in the wild turkey brood survey, please visit **mdc.mo.gov/wildlife/wildlife-surveys**.

After the Harvest

Whether you're using a traditional paper permit or the MO Hunting app, after harvesting a turkey, you must notch your permit and Telecheck your bird. Here's how.

Notch It

Immediately after harvesting a turkey, you must notch your permit.

- To notch a paper permit, tear a small notch in the month and day of harvest on the permit.
- To notch a permit using the MO Hunting app, simply select the permit you wish to use from the list in the app, and follow the short, easy prompts on the screen.

Once you notch your permit, you may transport your turkey within Missouri. **Note:** Notching is not the same as Telechecking. You must still Telecheck your turkey by 10 p.m. on the day of harvest.

Tag It If You Leave It

As long as you stay with your turkey, you don't need to tag it. But if you leave your turkey, you must attach a tag.

- If you have a paper permit, you can simply attach your notched permit to the turkey's leg. We recommend sealing the permit in a zip-top bag and attaching the bag with string, wire, or tape.
- If you're using the MO Hunting app, you must attach a label with your full name and address, or Conservation Number to the turkey's leg.

Check It

You must Telecheck your turkey by 10 p.m. on the day of harvest.

- If you're using a paper permit, follow the Telecheck instructions on Page 21. Write the confirmation number provided by Telecheck on your permit.
- If you're using the MO Hunting app, select your notched permit from the list on the screen, tap "Telecheck," and follow the prompts. Telecheck will upload a confirmation number directly to your mobile device.

After you've reported to Telecheck, you may process your turkey and transport it out of state.

Additional Information

- Until checked, turkeys must have the head and plumage intact.
- Notching voids the permit. Do not notch your permit until you harvest a turkey.
- All turkeys must be Telechecked before they are removed from Missouri.
- Only the person who harvested the turkey may possess and transport the turkey before Telechecking.
- After Telechecking, turkeys may be possessed and transported by anyone, but must be labeled with the taker's full name and address, or Conservation Number; date taken; and Telecheck confirmation number.

How to Use Telecheck

All turkeys must be Telechecked online, by using the MO Hunting app, or by telephone. If you are calling Telecheck on your cellphone, be sure you have a clear signal. If the signal is spotty, move closer to a major highway, go to higher ground, or wait until you get to a land-based line to call. Avoid calling in areas with loud background noise.

You do not need to Telecheck immediately after harvesting a turkey. You can transport your turkey within the state as long as you have notched your permit. **You have until 10 p.m. on the day taken to Telecheck your turkey.**

Telecheck Using the MO Hunting App

Step 1: Select your notched permit from the list.
Step 2: Tap "Telecheck."
Step 3: Follow the prompts on the screen.
Telecheck will upload a confirmation number to your mobile device.

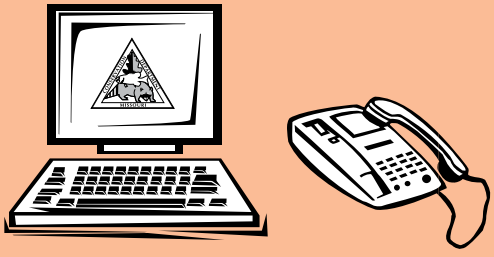
Telecheck Using a Phone or the Internet

Step 1: Before calling the toll-free number or going online, find your Telecheck ID number on your permit. Also get a pen so you will be able to write your Telecheck confirmation number on your permit.

Step 2: Fill out the orange form to the right, which contains the information you will be asked when you use Telecheck.

Step 3: Call 800-314-6828 or visit **mdc.mo.gov**, then follow the instructions. If you're using a phone, speak clearly and slowly. You can use Telecheck between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

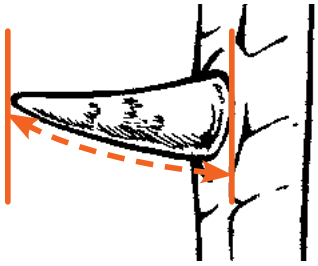
Step 4: After you have provided the required information, you will be given a confirmation number that verifies you have legally checked your turkey. **Write this number on the permit.** You have now completed Telecheck and can process your turkey.



Telecheck your turkey at: 800-314-6828 or mdc.mo.gov

How to Measure Spurs

Spur length measurements help biologists keep track of the age structure of the adult turkey population. Please accurately measure your turkey's spurs before checking it. This will ensure biologists place your turkey in the correct age class. A difference in spur length of less than 1/8 of an inch can be important, so please take an accurate measurement.



Start at the outside center from the point where the spur protrudes from the leg scales, and measure to the tip of the spur. Report the length of the longest spur.

- Your Telecheck ID number: _____
- Turkey type:
  - ☐ Gobbler
  - ☐ Juvenile gobbler (see Page 18 for how to identify a juvenile)
- ☐ Bearded hen (see Page 18 for details on sexing a turkey)
- Spur length (gobblers only, see box above)
  - ☐ Less than 1 inch
  - ☐ 1 inch or more
- Beard length
  - ☐ Less than 6 inches
  - ☐ 6 inches or more
- County of harvest _____

3 CSR 10-7.455 Turkeys: Seasons, Methods, Limits

(1) Turkeys may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed, or transported only as permitted in this rule.

(A) Spring Season and Youth Spring Season. A person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit may take two (2) male turkeys or turkeys with visible beards during the spring season and the youth spring season combined, except the Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit established by 3 CSR 10-5.565 (both regular and youth priced permits) is valid for only one (1) male turkey or turkey with a visible beard. A turkey taken during a managed hunt will count towards an individual's limit.

1. Spring Season. The spring season will be from April 20 through May 10, 2026. During the spring season the limits established by subsection (1)(A) of this rule shall apply; provided only one (1) turkey may be taken before April 27, 2026, and only (1) turkey may be taken per day, except a second bird may be taken before April 27, 2026, by youth hunters who are eligible to take two (2) turkeys and also harvested a turkey during the youth spring season. Turkeys may be taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) on public lands and from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset on private lands.

Hunting Safety is No Accident

Every hunter must ensure that safe firearm handling, target identification, and other hunting activities are practiced with the utmost care.

On January 1, 1988, it became a requirement that all Missouri hunters ages 16 and older who were born on or after January 1, 1967, must pass a hunter-education course to purchase firearms permits. Since then, hunting incidents in Missouri have decreased by more than 70 percent.

This space has historically been reserved to summarize the previous year's spring turkey hunting incidents, but there were no reported incidents during the 2025 season. This is a reason to celebrate! Let's use this momentum to carry safe hunting practices into the future.

- Always keep the muzzle of your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Always 100 percent positively identify your target and what is beyond it before firing.
- Always keep your safety on until you are ready to shoot.
- Always keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

For information on hunter education, visit **mdc.mo.gov/huntereducation**.

2. Youth Spring Season. The two- (2-) day youth spring season will be from April 11 through April 12, 2026. Any person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit and who is at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age on the opening day of the youth spring season may take only one (1) male turkey or turkey with visible beard during the youth spring season. A turkey harvested during the youth spring season will count towards the limits established by subsection (1)(A) of this rule. Turkeys may be taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

3. During the spring season and youth spring season turkeys may be taken only by shotgun, with shot no larger than No. 4, atlatl, crossbow, or bow; without the use of dogs (except for the recovery of wounded turkey as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410), bait, electronic calls, or live decoys. Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(B) Fall Season. The fall season is comprised of two (2) portions. A person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit may take only two (2) turkeys of either sex during the fall season.

1. Archery Portion: September 15 through January 15, excluding the dates of the November portion of the firearms deer season. Turkeys may be taken only by atlatls, bows, and crossbows; without the use of dogs (except for the recovery of wounded turkey as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410), bait, electronic calls, or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Possession of electronic calls is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

2. Firearms Portion: October 1 through October 31 in all counties except Dunklin, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Pemiscot, and Scott. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun, with shot no larger than No. 4; without the use of dogs (except for the recovery of wounded turkey as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410), bait, electronic calls, or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset. Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

3. A person, while in the act of pursuing or hunting turkey during the fall season, shall not have both a firearm and an atlatl, bow, or crossbow on his/her person except any person may carry concealable firearms, as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo, on or about his/her person while hunting. Firearms possessed under this exception may not be used to take wildlife.

Don't Trash Nature

Littering is illegal. It also harms wildlife and destroys the beauty of natural areas. Pack out spent shotgun shells, food wrappers, and other trash, and dispose of it in a proper receptacle. Carry a plastic grocery sack when you go afield so you can pick up litter left behind by less-conscientious users. Let's all pitch in to keep our wild places looking wild.

(2) Hunters who take a turkey shall void their permit immediately by notching the month and date of harvest and shall keep the turkey separate or distinctly identifiable from turkeys taken or possessed by another. When the turkey is not personally attended and prior to reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, the voided permit or proper label shall be attached to the turkey. Turkeys may be possessed and transported only by the taker until reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All turkeys taken shall be accurately reported by the taker or in the taker's immediate presence through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System by 10:00 p.m. on the day taken. The Telecheck confirmation number shall be recorded immediately on the turkey hunting permit. The head and plumage of the turkey shall remain intact until the turkey is reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All turkeys shall be reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System prior to processing or being removed from the state. After reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, turkeys may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone when labeled with the permit or any label that includes the full name and address of the taker, date taken, and Telecheck confirmation number.

(3) Bait shall mean grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to turkeys. An area shall be considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of the bait.

(4) Resident and nonresident landowners as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 may obtain landowner turkey hunting permits from any permit vendor, but only after application to and approval by the department in accordance with 3 CSR 10-7.412.

(A) Approved resident landowners may obtain the following permits at no-cost: one (1) Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, one (1) Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit, and one (1) Resident Fall Turkey Hunting Permit.

(B) Approved nonresident landowners may obtain the following permits at a reduced-cost: one (1) Nonresident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, one (1) Nonresident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit, and one (1) Nonresident Landowner Fall Turkey Hunting Permit.

(C) All landowner turkey hunting permits are valid only on qualifying property. Regardless of department approval to obtain or purchase landowner permits, all landowner turkey hunting permits are valid only if the holder is a resident or nonresident landowner as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 at the time the permit is used.

(D) All landowners who take turkey on landowner permits may also purchase and fill other turkey hunting permits but must abide by seasons, limits, and restrictions.

(E) All landowners taking turkeys on a landowner turkey hunting permit shall report the turkeys through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System as required in this rule.

(5) Any person who kills or injures any wild turkey shall make a reasonable effort to retrieve the turkey and include it in his/her season limit.

(6) Turkeys (or parts thereof) reported in accordance with established procedures, when labeled with the full name and address of the taker, the date taken, and the Telecheck confirmation number of the turkey, may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone.

(7) Feral hogs may be taken in any number during the spring firearms turkey season and youth spring season only by the holder of a valid unused turkey hunting permit and only by methods and times prescribed for taking turkeys. During the fall firearms turkey season, feral hogs may be taken only by the holder of a valid, unused turkey hunting permit or a small game hunting permit and only by methods prescribed in Chapter 7 for taking wildlife and without the use of bait. Other restrictions may apply on public lands. Resident landowners as defined in this Code may take feral hogs on their own property at any time, by any method, and without permit.

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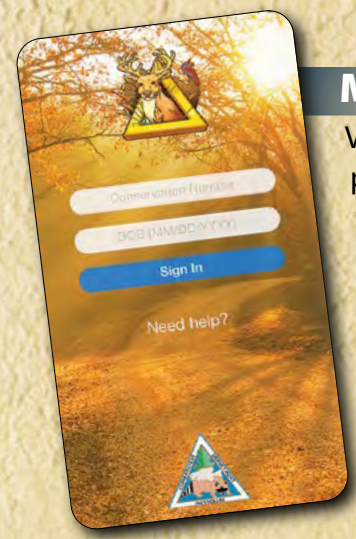
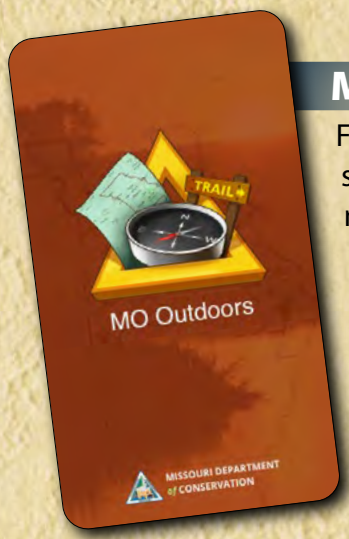


MO Hunting

View and store permits. Notch your permits and Telecheck your bear, deer, elk, and turkey harvests. Access basic statewide regulations and season information.



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